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SUBJECT: NEW RESIDENCE FOR SECRETARY GENERAL

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1. BEGIN SUMMARY: NO FURTHER CONSIDERATION BEING GIVEN TO PURCHASE OF AVENUE FOCH APARTMENT SINCE REACTION OF GROUP OF AMBASSADORS TO THIS APARTMENT WAS UNFAVORABLE. DIRECTOR GENERAL JACOMET NOW RECOMMENDING PURCHASE OF APARTMENT LOCATED AT 92 AVENUE HENRI MARTIN AT COST OF 3.6 MILLION FRANCS. END SUMMARY.

2. PROPOSED APARTMENT HAS NINE ROOMS WITH 440 SQUARE METERS, HAS JUST BEEN ENTIRELY REDECORATED AND IS LOCATED NEAR OECD HEADQUARTERS. AMBASSADORS BELFRAGE AND TOWE, ON BEHALF OF HEADS OF DEL, EXAMINED APARTMENT WITH MR. JACOMET AND FOUND IT EMINENTLY SUITABLE FOR REPRESENTATIONAL PURPOSES. LETTER FROM DIRECTION DES SERVICES FONCIERS DE PARIS PLACES VALUE OF APARTMENT AT 3.1 MILLION FRANCS. BACKGROUND PAPERS ON PROPOSED APARTMENT BEING POUCHED TO EUR/RPE. WITH SALE OF PRESENT APARTMENT AND HARD NEGOTIATIONS ON ASKING PRICE FOR AVENUE HENRI MARTIN APARTMENT, TOTAL ACQUISITION COST SHOULD BE HELD BELOW 2 MILLION FRANCS.

3. DUE SUMMER RECESS, MISSION UNLIKELY OBTAIN FIRM VIEWS OF OTHER DELEGATIONS ON THE PROPOSED ACQUISITION BEFORE EARLY SEPTEMBER. HOWEVER, WE DO NOT BELIEVE

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THERE HAVE BEEN ANY CHANGES IN THE PREVIOUSLY EXPRESSED

VIEWS OF MOST DELEGATIONS THAT THE PRESENT RESIDENCE IS
INADEQUATE AND THAT A NEW APARTMENT SHOULD BE PURCHASED
FOR SECRETARY-GENERAL. MISSION VIEW EXPRESSED PARA 5,
REF (A) WOULD ALSO APPLY TO THIS PROPOSED PURCHASE.
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